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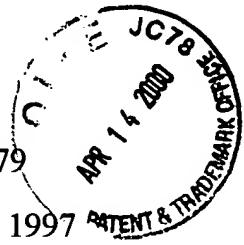
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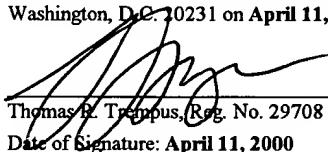
For: Improved Method and Apparatus
Trimming Aluminum Sheet



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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated January 19, 2000, and issued against
the above identified patent application, please enter the following amendment to the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

SUB D1Y 1. (Twice Amended) A method of trimming aluminum sheet comprising:
securing the aluminum sheet on a die adjacent a cutting blade at a cutting angle of
at least about 10 degrees measured from a plane perpendicular to a cutting direction of the cutting
blade and with a cutting blade clearance [while trimming] measured between the blade and the
die; and
trimming the aluminum sheet at the cutting angle and with the cutting blade
clearance measured between the blade and the die to thereby produce a trimmed aluminum sheet
with substantially no slivers.

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